

To W. L. G.

Weymouth  
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Dear Mr. Sumner.

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Corroborating

my statement to you of what  
Isaac Knapp told me, that  
"Mr. Garrison wrote a letter to  
Dr. Channing at the outset of  
the cause, — (the best thing  
he ever wrote, said Knapp,) &  
Dr. Channing never answer-  
ed it," — is S. J. May's recollection  
in his recollections of the Anti-  
Slavery conflict — p. 20. "He read  
me letters he had addressed to Dr.  
Channing, Dr. Beecher, Dr. Edwards,  
The Hon. Jeremiah Mason, & the  
Hon. Daniel Webster." This was in  
1830, — & the whole Vol. <sup>me</sup> is full  
of points, to be utilized  
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probably. May tells of the  
state of mind in Mr Young  
& his congregation, in Boston.  
His Mother was one of the  
early members of our Boston  
female Anti-Slavery Society,  
Subscribing also for the Liberator.  
A friend seeing this paper on  
her Table exclaimed - "What  
will your son, the Revd Alexander  
Young think of this!" - "I don't  
mind what Alex thinks!" said  
this excellent woman. But thus  
it was that Anti-Slavery divided  
families.

I was present at the first  
Stir in Dr Mannings  
Church, of which I was

As member, (& so were members  
all my husband's family - The  
Father, Henry Chapman Senior  
being one of Dr Chapman's  
Deacons & a pillar of the  
Church, - delegated to accompa-  
ny the pastor to ordinations &  
the like.) This agitation was  
occasioned by Dr. Follen's prayer  
for all sorts & conditions of men,  
according to Clerical usage -  
adding what was so against  
all clerical usage - "God  
of Freedom! - we pray for  
two millions of our Countrymen  
in bondage!" - and ~~there~~ ~~was~~  
a sound as sudden and start-  
ling as the one that answers to  
a call to arms meet through the  
congregation. This must have

been not long after the May's  
experience. Dr. Lollen was preach-  
ed in that pulpit afterwards.  
These ~~little things~~ <sup>incidents</sup> illustrate  
the state of the times when  
your father began his work.  
Sewall, Edwings, Miss Proby, our-  
selves, (Chapmans six in number,  
were members of Dr. Chamneys  
Church. Others there ~~were~~ <sup>were</sup> who  
sympathized with us, but we were  
the Garrisonians avowed, & our fam-  
ily had much to do & say to Dr. C. ~~afterwards~~  
with cordial regard  
to the Garrison

I am always  
your friend truly  
A. W. Chapman.